

**STATEMENT BY MEXICO CONCERNING THE DECREE AMENDING THE
THIRD PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE 25 AND ADDING ARTICLE 196 *BIS*
IN THE REGULATION ON SANITARY CONTROL OF PRODUCTS
AND SERVICES PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL
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Communication from Mexico

The following communication, dated 14 February 2011, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

1. The Government of Mexico hereby notifies publication of the "Decree amending the third paragraph of Article 25 and adding Article 196 *bis* in the regulation on sanitary control of products and services", whereby the Federal Executive abolished the requirement for the translation into Spanish of the International Nomenclature of Cosmetic Ingredients (INCI) for the labelling of perfumery and beauty products.
2. The Decree, published on 26 January 2011, provides for the elimination of that requirement and stipulates that the information contained in the labelling of such products must appear in Spanish, apart from the list of ingredients which may be declared in accordance with the International Nomenclature of Cosmetic Ingredients (INCI). It also provides that, where the ingredients have been declared in accordance with the INCI, the relevant warnings must also include a reference to that nomenclature.
3. The measure to eliminate this requirement entered into force as from 27 January.
4. With the publication of this Decree, Mexico has met its commitment to eliminate the requirement of translation into Spanish of the nomenclature concerned, which has been a trade concern of a number of our trading partners. With the foregoing, Mexico is moving towards an internationally accepted practice for the labelling of cosmetics and trade facilitation.
5. Lastly, Mexico wishes to state that this communication is being made for purposes of transparency, without prejudice to the rights and obligations of Mexico under the TBT Agreement.